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Twelve SW College Students Given Grants

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Scholarship Committee has awarded \$11,500 to eleven SW college students returning to their colleges this fall and one new freshman.

In alphabetical order they are: Allan Dobbins Jr. attending Virginia Union Un., Leon Drabo at Dillard University, Jamal Hansberry at Moorehouse College, Patricia Harris at Lock Haven U of PA, Sydney Henriques-Paine at the University of Pittsburg, Alan Kellogg, a freshman at Elmira College, Makai Kellogg at Trinity University, McKindra Letsinger at Virginia State U., Kyle Mimms at Temple University, Tiffany Robinson at Georgetown U, Natasha Rodriguez at the University of Maryland, College Park, and Shakira Thomas at Howard U.

As in the past (for more than 20 years) the source of funds is a mail solicitation of Southwest residents and others, with an occasional foundation grant.

Grants ranged from \$500 to \$1,500.



Five SW students among the dozen awardees pose with Thelma Jones, who MC'd the awards ceremony during a break from the music at Friday Night Jazz at Westminster Church. Shown are: (left to right) Tiffany Robinson, Kayle Mimms, Thelma Jones, Patricia Harris, Leon Drabo, and Natasha Rodriguez Photo by Perry Klein

"River Park Friends" again selected one of the SW applicants for their annual \$1,500 scholarship and Westminster

Presbyterian Church chose one to receive the annual award they have been giving through SWNA for several years.

SW-SE Community Benefit Coalition Making Progress

By Rev. Ruth Hamilton

Over the last three years, several hundred local residents have participated in roundtables and ongoing organizing meetings to build consensus on and pressure for "community benefits" from the billions of dollars of physical investment being made in Near SE-SW DC.

"The Community Benefits Coordinating Coalition (CBCC)" is the name chosen for this effort which has brought together a diverse group of residents and neighborhood leaders from most of the major SW community organizations—SWNA, ANC6D, The South Washington Collaborative, SEU, churches, resident councils and more.

During this time, actual benefits have already come to the community through



Many neighborhood meetings, like these, have been held in Near SW-SE to get consensus on community benefits due from billions of dollars of new physical investment.

this collective effort, including

■ a successful jobs fair with the Nation-

als Ball Park,

■ a greater presence by the Department of Employment Services in the area,

■ helping make the best possible, positive transition to Amidon-Bowen Elementary,

■ ANC community benefit agreements with Monument/Corcoran and others, and

■ creation by 6th Ward Council Member Tommy Wells of a SW Workforce Development Steering Committee to follow up on this priority.

In order to leverage greater resources, the CBCC has just enlisted the help of LISC (www.lisc.org), a highly respected national organization which works with grass-roots organizations dedicated to improving quality of life for all. The CBCC and its committees are now working with LISC on non-profit incorporation. As the CBCC continues to take shape, all residents are invited to participate in this effort, either directly through CBCC or linkages through our many active community groups and networks. If you would like to be informed of meetings and other ways you can stay involved, please e-mail co-chair Rev. Ruth Hamilton at rwh@westminsterdc.org.

Emergency Management Briefing at SWNA Mon. Sep. 22

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Sep. 22 public meeting at 7:30PM at St. Augustine's Church (601 M St. SW), focuses on emergency management plans for our neighborhood and for the District. Kim McCall, Emergency Planning Specialist from the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, will address preparation for natural disasters and other emergencies. Other invited speakers include: Representatives from CERT, Elinor Bacon (with an update on the Waterfront development), and Gordon Fraley (with an update on the Waterside Mall development)



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Groups Donate Computer Equipment to Southwest Neighborhood Assembly

By Perry Klein

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly recently received especially generous donations from two organizations located in Southwest, DC:

The National Children's Museum, with offices at L'Enfant Plaza, donated 8 Pentium desktop computers and a dozen monitors. And the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists located near the Portals donated 40 Hewlett-Packard desktop computers complete with flat-panel LCD monitors.

We are grateful for the contribution of these computers and monitors, which SWNA's Technology Task Force is refurbishing to make available to families in Southwest. If you work for a company that might have surplus computer equipment, please check whether they might be willing to donate computers to SWNA for a worthy cause. Currently, we are in need of laptop computers we can make available to college students from Southwest as part of SWNA's Scholarship Program. Please contact Perry Klein by e-mail pk@ieec.org.



Shown above are groups making donations of computer equipment to SWNA.



At left, Liz Ryan, who donated a Dell laptop for a SWNA scholarship student, still to be selected. We are currently seeking more laptops for Southwest college students who need them.

St. Columba School Donation



St. Columba School donated monitors, printers and a computer to SWNA's Computers for Kids program.

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Southwest Community Calendar September 18 - October 31, 2008

THURS. SEP. 18 Back to School Night at Wilson High, 7 pm

SAT. SEP. 20 St. A's Fall Fair, 6th & M St. SW, 9-2

MON. SEP. 22 SWNA Public meeting, St. A's, 6th & M St. SW, 7:30-9:00 pm

THURS. SEP. 25 NARFE, SW Library, 3rd & K SW, 12:30 pm

SAT. SEP. 27 Outdoor Jazz festival at 4th & I (Eye) SW, 12 noon – 9 pm

MON. SEP. 29 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown.

WED. OCT. 1, Coffeehouse, St. A's Church, 6th & M St. SW 7pm

SAT. OCT. 4 SW Library Book Sale, 3rd & K St. SW, 10 am-4 pm.

SAT. OCT. 4 Blessing of Animals, St. S's, 6th & M St. SW, 4pm

SAT. OCT. 4 Flee Market – Christ Methodist – 4th & I (Eye) SW, 9am-1pm

MON. OCT. 6 Deadline to register to vote in Presidential Election Nov. 4

TUES. OCT. 7 Police CAC public meeting, 415 – 4th St. SW, 7 pm

THURS. OCT. 9 Yom Kippur

THURS. OCT. 9 Council Member Tommy Wells SW office hours, Channel Inn, 7th & Water St. SW 8am-9:30 am

MON. OCT. 13 Columbus Day Holiday

SAT. & SUN. Oct. 18-19 State Dept. Book Fair, 22nd & C St. NW, 10 am to 4 pm

MON. OCT. 20 ANC meeting open to the public. St. A's church, 6th & M St. SW, 7 pm

THURS. OCT. 23 Police PSA 104 public meeting

SAT. & SUN. Oct. 26, 27 State Dept Book Fair 22nd & C NW 10-4

MON. OCT. 27 SWNA Public meeting, St. A's, 7th & M St. SW, 7:30 pm

FRI. OCT. 31 Halloween

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WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS Club – First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm 202-291-6229.

S.W. KIWANIS – First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS – Every Wed. GSA Bldg – 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

LABYRINTH WALK – First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 8-9:30 pm preceded by Yoga Nidra at 7:00 pm. on the first Wed. & Tai Chi at 7 pm on second, third & fourth Wed.

WEDNESDAYS AT 3 pm– Practice GED test – free – takes 4-1/2 hrs; walk in at SW Library, between 3rd & 4th St., between I (Eye) and K SW, second floor; picture ID required. 727-6976 or 727-1616 (M, T, Th, F).

Please submit calendar items for November events to voice mail – 202-554-8560 or by email to thesouthwester@yahoo.com or by US mail to PO Box 70131 by Wednesday, October 1, 2008.

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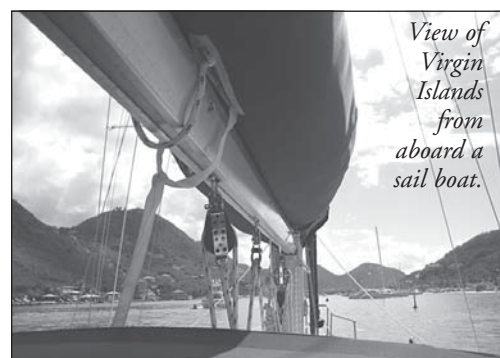
By Cary Kamarat,
Harbour Square resident

For years I had shared my son's opinion of sailboats. “All them strings—just too many strings,” he would say. It seemed to express everything that was wrong with hoistin' the mainsail and trimmin' the jib. ‘Just too many strings’ to sit back and relax, enjoying the murmur of waves and breezes, worlds away from nine-to-five.

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own backyard, ‘all them strings’ never looked better. DC Sail is a community sailing program that provides boat rentals, lessons, certification and racing fun for young and old, on the Washing-



ton Channel. Its fleet of Flying Scots and other vessels sail out of the Gangplank Marina, and offer a new world of experiences to beginners and advanced sailors alike.

Personally, DC Sail has taught us more than hoisting and trimming. We've learned a genuine love of sailing. What we had



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dreaded as hard work became healthy movement that allowed us to harness the wind and glide across the waves in motorless silence—and economy. (Just think of all that gas you save!) For us, at the end of that charted course, exactly one year later lay the Virgin Islands and our full Basic Coastal Cruising certification.

What's your dream? Whether it's having fun using new skills, learning about teamwork and getting closer to nature, or even being able to island-hop in the land of palm-trees, DC Sail might help you get there. Visit www.dcsail.org, or contact dcsail@nmhf.org / (202) 547-1250, for more information.

See you on the water!

Book Fair at State Dept. Oct.18-19 and 25-26

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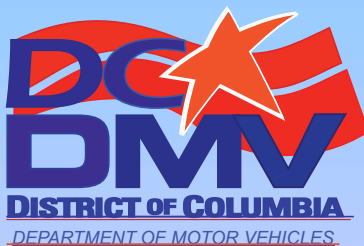
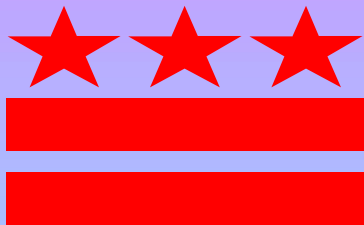
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First Day of School

By Meg Brinckman

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Parents eat breakfast.

While the students ate breakfast in the cafeteria, parents and staff enjoyed breakfast sandwiches, bagels and coffee donated by Potbelly Sandwiches. Some saw the spirits of Margaret Amidon and Anthony Bowen roaming the halls (in the persons of Thelma Jones, River Park Resident, and Dennis May, who works for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority). They reminded students and faculty alike of the efforts that have gone before to assure all children would receive an education and that human rights would be equal for all.



A soldier and a police officer encouraged two students who were not happy about the start of school.

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Southwest Jazz Festival Returns

By Rev. Brian Hamilton

The 7th Annual D.C. Jazz Preservation Festival will return again this year on September 27th from Noon to 9pm in the Towne Center Park at 4th & I Streets, SW. This all-day jazz festival is an annual event featuring different artists each hour beginning with the Sharon Clark Quartet. It features dozens of D.C.'s finest jazz musicians, many of whom play regularly at *Jazz Night in Southwest*, the very popular weekly jazz experience at Westminster Church (every Friday 6-9pm). The goal of this festival is to keep jazz alive and growing as an artistic and community resource in D.C. It also seeks to honor

artists who have now passed on but whose legacy remains a lingering inspiration for jazz lovers who continue this great heritage.

Admission is free, vendors will offer a range of art, crafts, books, recordings and food will be served all day. This event has become one of Southwest's engaging community activities. Because of the planned reopening of 4th Street this will be the last year the Towne Center Park will be in place at this location and a new location will be selected for future events. There is no rain date for this festival; in the event of inclement weather the proceedings will be moved inside Westminster Church. For information call 202.484.7700.

"Safe Routes to School" Grant for SW

Thirteen DC Schools, including Bowen-Amidon ES in SW, will be part of a pilot program to encourage walking and cycling to school. DC has \$1,000,000 from the US Federal Highway Administration. Samples of how DC will use the money are:

- Small prizes to be used as incentives to encourage students to walk and bicycle to school

- Comprehensive safe routes evaluation, and implementation through education, enforcement, engineering and

encouragement. Goals include:

- To enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school

- To make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and

The DC Dept. of Transportation's coordinator is Jennifer Hefferan, Safe Routes to School Coordinator at (202) 671-2227.

School Supplies Collected by Volunteers

School supplies for students in Near SW's elementary school, Amidon/Bowen and in Jefferson Middle School were collected in August by many volunteers, including from the Resident Councils of the DC Housing Authority Properties in SW, the Fourth Street Neighborhood Group -Riverside Condominium, Channel Square, Edgewater Condominiums, River Park Mutual Holmes, Harbour Square Cooperative, Tiber Island Cooperative and Town Homes.

Other groups contributing to this effort were Tommy Wells, Ward 6 Councilmember, ANC6D and Commissioners Rhonda Hamilton and Ron McBee, the South Washington/West of the River Fam-

ily Strengthening Collaborative, the Hotel Association of Washington, DC, the Law Firm of McDermott, Will and Emery, and the Public Affairs Office of Ft. Myer Military Community. The latter group has supported SW Schools for many years.

Donated supplies and those purchased by the money donated were assembled at the James Creek offices where they were organized by grade level for distribution. Representatives of Greenleaf Gardens, Greenleaf Annex, James Creek, Syphax Gardens, Tel-court Cooperatives, Channel Square, and 203 N Street made sure that children in their areas got the supplies they needed

SW Library Book Sale Sat. Oct. 4

Friends of SW DC Public Library is hosting their long awaited BOOK SALE for the first time in more than a year. The main event will take place on Saturday, October 4th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with deep discounts continuing on Sunday, October 5th, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Members may take advantage of an early-bird

advance sale on Wednesday, October 1st, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Membership is \$10 annually.) There's something for everyone, with thousands of books on every conceivable subject. The Library address is 900 Wesley Pl SW, which is near K St and 3rd SW. Questions, please call Christine at 202 484 0051.

Primary Candidates Discussed Issues



Philip Pannell



Richard J Bianco



Nelson Rimensnyder



Joyce Robinson-Paul



David Schwartzman



Maude Louise Hills



Lois Tett



Carol Schwartz

At a candidate forum before the Sep. 9 DC Primary election several candidates appeared and gave their views and answered questions from the audience. Pictured in the order in which they spoke were:

■ Philip Pannell, (D), candidate for shadow Senator

■ Richard J Bianco, campaign treasurer, speaking for Paul Strauss (D), candidate for shadow Senator

■ Nelson Rimensnyder, (R), candidate for shadow Senator

■ Joyce Robinson-Paul, (DC Statehood-Green) candidate for shadow Representative

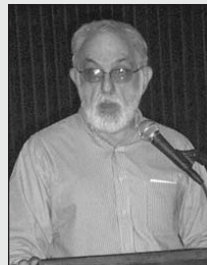
■ David Schwartzman, (DC Statehood-Green), candidate for DC Council At-Large

■ Maude Louise Hills, (DC Statehood-Green), candidate for Delegate, U S House

■ Lois Tett, (D), write-in candidate for Delegate, U S House

■ Carol Schwartz, (R), candidate for DC Council At-Large

Also on the program was an explanation of the Nov. 4 election of ANC commissioners, presented by Gottlieb Simon, head of the District's ANC office. There was still time for candidates to get in their nomination petitions.



Gottlieb Simon

Jacqueline Dupree Wins Journalism Award

(from a release)

JDland.com, the web site chronicling the redevelopment of the Washington, D.C., neighborhood near the new Nationals baseball stadium, was named the winner of the \$2,000 Citizen Media Award at Knight-Batten Awards for Innovations in Journalism.

Calling JDland "ambitious," the judges said "an incredible wealth of information, especially impressive for a one-person effort."

JDland uses "before-and-now" photos, news aggregation, and original reporting to inform readers about the latest commercial, governmental, and social happenings in "Near Southeast" Washington.

Zanzibar Granted Nightclub License

By Coralie Farlee, Chair,
ABC Committee, ANC6D

A recent decision by DC's Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board upheld Zanzibar's request to convert its liquor license from "Restaurant with Entertainment Endorsement" to "Nightclub."

Although the SW-SE ANC 6D protested the conversion on the grounds of "peace, order, and quiet," the ABC Board

found the ANC will not be negatively affected by the conversion.

In conjunction with this change, the ABC Board placed requirements and conditions on the license. These include food service requirements, provision of MPD details, restrictions on distribution of flyers and handbills, required attendance at ANC meetings, restrictions on sound emanating from the establishment, and enhanced security.

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H2O Closed at Least Until Oct. 22

By Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC Committee, ANC6D

After three successive incidents at H2O during the early morning of August 23, the D. C. Chief of Police closed H2O for a 96-hour period until the city's Alcohol Beverage Control Board could review the situation. Each of the three incidents was a violent felony assault either inside of or related to activities of the establishment and serious enough to require the victims to be hospitalized.

On August 27, after testimony by two detectives for the Attorney General's office and four ABRA investigators, the ABRA Board decided to keep the license suspended past the 96-hour period until a Show Cause hearing is held on October 22, 2008.

Melissa Bird, New SW-SE Planner

The DC Office of Planning has appointed a new Ward 6 Neighborhood Planner, Melissa Bird. She can be reached at melissa.bird@dc.gov or 202-478-1323. Jeff Davis, former planner has left for a new position out of town.



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